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Dear Senator Pell:

I wanted you to know how much the Department appreciates the work and support of the Afghanistan Relief Committee. Public awareness of the Afghan refugees' needs and support for programs to meet those needs are important to the success of the Administration's efforts to help these latest victims of Soviet aggression.

The Afghanistan Relief Committee has played an important role in this connection, and its many friends on Capitol Hill were of great help in ensuring that the Administration's Afghan program is adequately funded.

I hope that you and the Committee will keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

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